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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SENATOR STONE'S OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP, (STONE, RICHARD)
SUBJECT: SENATOR STONE'S VISIT TO MANILA, JANUARY 11-13

1. SUMMARY. SENATOR RICHARD STONE (D-FLA) VISITED MANILA
JANUARY 11-13. HIGHLIGHT OF TRIP WAS ONE-HOUR MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT MARCOS DEVOTED LARGELY TO DISCUSSION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

2. SENATOR RICHARD STONE, MRS. STONE, STAFF ASSISTANT BILL
PURSLEY, AND SFRC STAFFER ROY WERNER ARRIVED MANILA EVENING OF
JANUARY 11. FOLLOWING MORNING, SENATOR
STONE RECEIVED MISSION BRIEFING WHICH CONCENTRATED ON STATUS
OF BASE NEGOTIATIONS, US-RP ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND US MILITARY
AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. SENATOR STONE
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT A NEW BASES AGREEMENT MIGHT RESTRICT USE
OF CLARK AND SUBIC IN PROTECTING SOUTH KOREA OR REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
HE SAID THERE IS STRONG SENTIMENT IN CONGRESS AGAINST
PAYING LARGE RENTALS FOR BASES WHICH PROVE USELESS IN
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TIME OF CRISIS. HE CITED AS EXAMPLE U.S. DIFFICULTIES
IN RE-SUPPLYING ISRAEL DURING LAST MIDDLE EAST WAR.
AMBASSADOR REASSURED SENATOR STONE THAT HE FELT LIMITATIONS
WOULD NOT BE PLACED ON USE OF CLARK AND SUBIC FOR LOGISTIC
SUPPORT IN EVENT OF KOREA CONFLICT. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT WE
HAVE PREFERRED NOT TO RAISE QUESTION OF ROLE OF BASES IN
DEFENSE OF OROC UNLESS ACTUAL SITUATION ARISES. AMBASSADOR

ALSO EMPHASIZED VALUE OF VISITING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
RAISING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS.

3. SENATOR STONE THEN MOTORED TO FORT BONIFACIO, WHERE
HE PLACED WREATHS AT AMERICAN AND PHILIPPINE CEMETARIES
COMMEMORATING WORLD WAR 11 DEAD.

4. AT MALACANANG PALACE, SENATOR STONE HAD ONE-HOUR
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AND THEN WAS GUEST OF HONOR
AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. MARCOS. MEETING
BETWEEN SENATOR STONE AND PRESIDENT MARCOS ATTENDED BY
FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO AND DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE
DEALT LARGELY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. SENATOR STONE COMMENTED
TO PRESIDENT THAT HE REALIZED HE HAD JUST HAD VISIT OF

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PATT DERIAN BUT HE TOO WANTED TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CURRENT AMERICAN CONSIDERATION OF
RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. THIS SPARKED LENGTHY EXPOSITION BY PRESIDENT WHO
INSISTED HE WAS MOVING TOWARD NORMALIZATION AND RETURN
TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

6. STRESSING PAST PROBLEMS AND FAILURE OF DEMOCRATIC

INSTITUTIONS, HE INSISTED THAT MARTIAL LAW WAS FULLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION, WAS NOT OPPRESSIVE, AND WOULD BE LIFTED WHEN THE THREAT IN THE SOUTH DISAPPEARED. HE STRESSED THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT REMAINED INTACT, INCLUDING THE JUDICIARY AND DESCRIBED HIS OWN DIFFERENCES WITH THE SUPREME COURT.

7. HE DESCRIBED HIS AMNESTY TO THE HUKS AND THEIR REHABILITATION AND THE IMPROVEMENT IN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDING THE INCREASED MINIMAL WAGE AND THE ORGANIZATION OF LABOR UNIONS AS EVIDENCE OF HIS CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

8. HE SINGLED OUT SOME MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC CLERGY AS BEING IN TOUCH WITH AND SUPPORTING COMMUNIST ELEMENTS AS A REASON FOR CONTINUING TO CONTROL CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS. HE SPOKE ABOUT THE MOVEMENT OF CATHOLIC PRIESTS, ALREADY COMMUNIST INCLINED, FROM LATIN AMERICA. HE CLAIMED THAT ONE CATHOLIC RADIO, PERHAPS UNKNOWN TO SUPERIORS, HAD GIVEN CODED SIGNALS TO THE NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY.

9. ON THE AQUINO CASE, HE REPEATED FAMILIAR COMMENTS STRESSING THAT HE HAD OFFERED AQUINO AMNESTY IF HE WOULD " ONLY WRITE A SHORT NOTE REQUEST IT." HE STRESSED, AS HE HAD WITH PATT DERIAN THE DAY BEFORE, THAT HE HAD NO INTENTION OF BEING PRESSURED INTO RELEASING AQUINO AND THAT HE COULD NOT ACT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THE AQUINO CASE WAS BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.

10. AFTER LUNCH, MRS . MARCOS ESCORTED SENATOR AND MRS. STONE ON VISIT TO SEVERAL OF HER METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THAT EVENING, CODEL STONE AND CODEL STRATTON WERE GUESTS OF HONOR AT EMBASSY RECEPTION ATTENDED BY PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND MILITARY OFFICIALS AND OPPOSITION FIGURES INCLUDING EX-PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL.

11. SENATOR STONE DEPARTED PHILIPPINES THROUGH CLARK AFB FOR HONG KONG EARLY MORNING JANUARY 13. SFRC STAFFER WERNER REMAINED IN PHILIPPINES UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON JANUARY 13 AND WAS GIVEN COMMAND BRIEFINGS AND ROLLING TOURS AT BOTH CLARK AND SUBIC. CONFIDENTIAL

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12. THE FOREGOING WAS DRAFTED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF
SENATOR STONE, BUT HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH SFRC STAFFER
WERNER.
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